

Low Power FM Radio is designed to allow community churches, schools, chambers of commerce, and other not-for-profit groups to broadcast to their local communities. I believe that news, music, opinions, and public affairs from my local church are more relevant to me and to my children than the broadcasts of a syndicated Christian music service running on autopilot from a transmitter in my town. We have six Clear Channel stations, one college radio station, and two Christian stations in town. A Low Power FM station held by a local school or church would give us local, volunteer, community options for once.

I understand why consumers all across the United States have filed comments with the Commission, asking them to defend broadcasting like K-Love. They want to hear an alternative to the overly commercial, frequently offensive programming put out by broadcasters like Clear Channel and Viacom. I would encourage the FCC to take note of the comments put out by the Prometheus Radio Project on the subject of translator stations, which say, in part:

"We believe that translators should have a secondary status with regard to locally based Low Power stations - if a bonafide local organization wants to use a channel for real, new, local broadcasting, they should not be pre-empted by a repeater. The licensing system as it stands gives preference to remote, out of state organizations looking to rebroadcast on thousands of channels nationwide, rather than to local entities who want just one community radio station."

Please expand LPFM, and allow my community to have a real choice of broadcasting. Thank you.